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## South Korean Battalion Ambushed

Tokyo, Jan. 23.

The suddenly-aggressive Korean Communist troops cut to pieces a battalion of South Korean engineers 40 miles inside the Allied lines on Monday in a flare-up of fighting on the right end of United Nations positions.

While details were lacking, a dispatch from Eighth Army Headquarters said the engineers appeared to have been ambushed near Andong. This interior road and rail centre is 50 miles north of Taegu, the UN northwest bastion in last summer's battle perimeter.

Elements of two North Korean Divisions, the Second and Tenth, have been identified in hills north of Andong. At full strength, they would indicate 20,000 Reds were sitting southward.

US Seventh Division elements and other Allied troops have been fighting in this barren east-central area against infiltrating Red Korean regulars and local guerrillas.

**STARTLING CONTRAST**

In startling contrast, reinforced Allied hunter-killer teams on the central and western Korean fronts slammed back into Wonju airfield and three other key towns within 25 miles of Seoul without finding the fight they were seeking.

Towns re-entered and then again abandoned at nightfall included Osan and Kuryangjang.

The Chinese and Korean Reds, massed on those fronts for the past fortnight, showed marked reluctance, at least for the present, to give battle to the strong tank-infantry columns of the US Eighth Army.

Around Yongwol, where only North Koreans have been reported, small but bitter struggles were reported. An intelligence officer there said, "the enemy is showing a desire to make and maintain contact."

Associated Press correspondent Tom Stone reported from the Yongwol front that "thousands of enemy troops already have slipped through the Allied lines and vanished in the barren country to the South."

Stone reported a missing American platoon (normally 40 to 50 men) evidently had been ambushed by strong forces of North Koreans and wiped out. There were no details, but a wounded survivor was found, and the platoon was 24 hours overdue in returning to its lines.

An intelligence officer told Stone that sporadic clashes during the past two days indicated the Korean Reds were "asking for a fight" in the rugged mountainous sector on the UN right flank.

### COMMENT OF THE DAY

## New Blackmarket In Making

AS in other parts of the world, it does not require much stimulus to tempt Hongkong blackmarketeers into new activities. The attempts by these unscrupulous individuals to try and corner the petrol market is the latest example. They appear to have been prompted in this design partly by the recently-imposed United States embargo on commodities for Hongkong, which leads them to the belief that petrol will become in short supply and therefore precious; partly by the Government ban on the export of petroleum from Hongkong, which automatically encourages smuggling with handsome profits if the enterprise is successful. The sufferer, as the local petroleum concerns observed yesterday, is the private car owner and operators of commercial vehicles who desire only enough gasoline to meet their ordinary requirements. The distributors of petroleum hesitate to apply enforced rationing through the filling stations, insisting that supplies are plentiful and because of this there is no real necessity for placing restrictions on users of private and commercial cars. Their attitude is understandable, yet the application of a mild form of rationing at this time may, in the long run, have the desired results. Undeniably certain interested people are purchasing petrol in quantities much greater than their normal requirements, and everyone who does this, or is permitted to do so, makes it so much more difficult for the small car owner to obtain his petrol for ordinary business or pleasure. The number of court summonses against junk masters for trying to export excess quantities of petrol increases weekly; so too, the number of lorries and converted limousines discovered trying to smuggle petroleum out of the Colony. For instance, simultaneously with our

disclosures yesterday of the difficulty motorists are having in securing petrol at filling stations was reported a case in the Kowloon Court where 200 gallons of petroleum, most of it found in a lorry on the Tai Po Road, which had no claimants were ordered to be confiscated. The inference is that the petrol was destined for a place outside Hongkong, more particularly as the drums were unlabelled. The question which automatically arises is how can petroleum in such quantity find itself on a lorry in a New Territories road, unlabelled, unclaimed, but clearly intended for a destination? Two hundred gallons is about sufficient to meet the requirements of ten to a dozen small cars for a month, and is not, therefore, to be regarded as insignificant. It would seem to suggest that those whose responsibility it is to make supplies available to the public could fruitfully apply considerable discretion in the manner in which it is disposed of doing their utmost to make certain that it goes only to proper sources. The Police and Revenue Officers have been displaying becoming vigilance in apprehending attempts to smuggle petrol and kerosene out of the Colony, but even their present efforts might profitably be increased in a joint campaign with distributors to break the blackmarketeers, as well as the smugglers. The idea of rationing petrol supplies might be unpalatable, but if it means fair shares for all honest owners of cars and commercial vehicles it might prove to be the best action to take at this time. We are confident the distributors of petroleum supplies are alive to the dangers of a successful black market being established in this precious commodity in Hongkong and will take whatever action is deemed most practicable and most advisable to protect our motorists.

## Leopard To Be A Film Star



Lamie, the handsome young leopard seen being petted by members of the staff of a Cape Town newspaper, is causing traffic jams wherever he goes with his owner, professional hunter Mr. Ian Sussens, and is about to become a film star. Holding Lamie's chin is attractive Miss Glinette Perrot, a newspaper editor's secretary, who was chosen a few weeks ago to take a leading role in "The Fastest Cape", a publicity film about South Africa which is to be shown throughout Britain and the United States. — London Express Service.

## Off To Work Out Jap Peace Treaty

Washington, Jan. 22.

A US Mission left at 8.11 p.m. (GMT) today for Tokyo to discuss the possible Japanese peace treaty with General Douglas MacArthur and leaders of the Japanese government.

Mr John Foster Dulles heads the mission. Among those accompanying him as advisers were Assistant Secretary of the Army, Mr. Earle D. Johnson, Mr. John D. Rockefeller III, and Mr. John Allison, State Department Japanese expert.

The party, traveling by air via the North Pacific is due in Tokyo at 4 p.m. (Hongkong Time) Wednesday, after brief stops at Tacoma, Washington, and Shemya, Alaska.

Mr Dulles said the Japanese "are now entitled to a peace which will make them the master of their own destiny."

He said that restored freedom will come to the Japanese at a critical time.

"Even before World War Two has been formally ended, new armed aggression has broken loose in the world," Mr Dulles said in a statement as he left for the airport. "It is showing its viciousness close to Japan."

## Co Pak Sent To Hospital

Manila, Jan. 23.

The Deportation Board has ordered the confinement of Co Pak, Chinese millionaire charged with being a leading Communist, in Bilbilid Prison hospital so he can get medical attention.

Co Pak, who is facing possible deportation, was reported to be suffering from diabetes and nephritis. A new twist has entered proceedings because the question of his citizenship has been raised and if he is proven a Filipino citizen he cannot be deported. Co Pak's petition for naturalization was granted by the Manila Court in June 1950. Under the law, naturalization papers may be granted two years afterwards. — United Press.

## Friendship Pact Urged By Senator

Washington, Jan. 22.

Senator Brien McMahon (Democrat) today asked the Senate to approve a declaration of friendship for the Russian people—as opposed to the Soviet leaders—and challenged the Kremlin to circulate it in Russia.

He said that only by such a "truth campaign" could the United States silence Soviet propaganda and give America "fighting faith" for the difficult days ahead.

He again advocated a \$50,000,000 foreign aid programme of "Bread, not Bombs" if Russia agreed to "effective" atom bomb controls, and he called upon the United Nations to "assert its right" to operate a radio station behind the Iron Curtain.

Senator McMahon, chairman of the Senate House Atomic Energy Committee, insisted that American troops, arms and atom bomb supremacy were not enough to assure victory against Russia, nor "stockpiling atomic weapons" and working on development of the hydrogen bomb. He said the United States had failed to rally the "moral and spiritual" strength of the free nations abroad and to meet the propaganda challenge of the "spurious" Communist-inspired Stockholm peace petition.

### TWO ASSURANCES

Senator McMahon said the proposed declaration of friendship should give assurances:

1. There are "no warmongers" in the United States Senate and not a single Senator desires the death of a Russian soldier or citizen in battle.

2. While the United States stands ready to spend many millions of dollars for defence, Americans "ardently desire a just peace" and are ready for any "honourable negotiations" to obtain it.

"I am convinced the rank and file of the Russians desire global conquest no more than we do," said the Senator. "I am convinced that if they believe the calamities of their government, it is only because they have not the slightest inkling of the kind of world we Americans really want." — United Press.

### STOP PRESS

## Big Air Battle In Korea

Tokyo, Jan. 23.

American F-94 Thunder-jet fighters shot down "at least three" Communist MIG-15 jet fighters in a huge air battle over the Yalu River this morning, the Fifth Air Force announced.

First reports did not indicate how many planes were involved in the air battle.

The Fifth Air Force said, however, that it was "possibly the largest and the greatest air battle of the Korean campaign."

American Thunder-jet pilots were being interrogated for complete details of this battle. — Reuter.

# PEKING MAKES A CEASE-FIRE SUGGESTION

## To Be Arranged By Seven-Nation Conference

### UN WITHHOLDS ACTION

Lake Success, Jan. 22.

Communist China agreed in a surprise message today that a cease-fire could be arranged by a seven-nation conference on Korea, Formosa and all Far East problems. The United States branded it a "transparent attempt to divide the free world" but lost a passionate move for a quick aggressor verdict against Peking.

The UN Political Committee thus put off for 48 hours any possible action on an American resolution which calls Red China the aggressor in Korea and opens the way for eventual action against Red China. Mr Warren R. Austin, United States, scornfully told the Committee that it was "extending 48 hours the time in which our sons will be shedding blood on the field of battle."

The vote was an unprecedented 27 to 23 in favour of a move by Sir Benegal N. Rau, India to meet on Wednesday after delegates have time to study Peking's answer.

The vote was taken immediately after Mr Austin capped a day of debate with a demand for the Committee to continue discussion on Tuesday of the US resolution.

The Latin American countries, Turkey, Greece and the Philippines alone stood with the US against delay. Canada, Britain, France, the Scandinavian countries and others favoured time for further examination of the Chinese Communist Statement.

Using bitter words, Mr Austin said the Chinese statement "is not even new. It is not a proposition. It is not addressed to the UN."

He said those who want to study the statement "will have plenty of time."

He said while those who have not yet spoken or who want to speak again are talking, "they can be hugging this to their bosoms—they can treat from it what comfort that is in it for their purpose."

### MIXED REACTIONS

Communist China said a limited Korean cease-fire could be arranged at the first meeting of a proposed seven-nation conference on Korea, Formosa and other Far East problems.

The point was contained in a series of answers to questions addressed to Peking by the government of India which had asked for clarification of Peking's latest reply to UN cease-fire efforts. The statement was read to the UN Political Committee by Sir Benegal N. Rau, India, who has been trying for weeks to hit upon a way to end the fighting in Korea and settle all Far East problems.

Some delegates in the Political Committee hailed the Peking answers as an important concession. Other said they did not go far enough.

The Chinese Communists made the following major points:

1. A cease-fire for a limited time period can be agreed upon in the first meeting of the seven-nation conference and put into effect so that the negotiations may proceed further.

2. All conditions for concluding the war in Korea and for peace in East Asia must be discussed in connection with the political problems as follows:

a. Steps for withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea.

b. Measures for the Korean people to settle their own affairs.

c. Withdrawal of United States Armed Forces from Formosa and Formosa Straits in accordance with the Cairo and Potsdam Declarations, both of which recognized Formosa as Chinese territory.

d. Other Far East problems, not specified in this statement.

Finally, Peking said that the definite "affirmation of the legitimate status of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations must be insured."

In view of Peking's quick answer, the 12-nation Arab and Asian group decided not to introduce today a proposed resolution calling for another attempt to obtain a cease-fire.

**ARAB-ASIAN VIEW**

The major attention of the Committee members centred on the sections relating to a cease-fire and on the place of Red China in the UN.

Members of the Arab-Asian group viewed the cease-fire offer as a concession by Red China. In the Red Chinese reply to the last UN cease-fire appeal, sent on January 17 from Peking, the Communist Chinese branded the cease-fire as a device merely to give the

## Life Sentence For Priests

Prague, January 22.

Three men were sentenced to death by the Krakow Military Court today for banditry and offences against the state. Two Catholic priests and the mother of a murdered 15-year-old boy were sentenced to life imprisonment. Four others received terms ranging from life imprisonment to 10 years.

The priests were Father Piotr Oborski and Zbigniew Gadowski.

Father Gadowski was said to have concealed weapons behind the altar of his church for the bandits. — Associated Press.

## Avalanches Death Toll Rises

Vienna, Austria, Jan. 22.

The death toll from an unprecedented series of avalanche disasters in Switzerland, Austria, Italy and France climbed to 197 tonight and the danger to hundreds of mountain towns and villages was not ended.

The three-day heavy snowfall over the Alpine region abated, but the heavy drifts on the mountain sides remained to threaten further death-dealing slides.

In Austria, 122 have lost their lives, Switzerland 57, Italy 15, France 3. New avalanches tonight in Styria in the British zone of Austria claimed additional deaths, including a two-year-old child.

Most of the casualties, and destruction struck small communities in isolated valleys, but today a large city was threatened in a new way.

**WATER SHORTAGE**

Innsbruck, capital of the Austrian Tyrol, suffered a serious drinking water shortage because slides of snow and ice and rock had destroyed the greater part of its waterworks. Innsbruck has a population of 100,000, not counting occupation troops.

Austrian authorities said 45,000 persons in Austria's Alpine districts were cut off by snowdrifts and enormous masses of snow and debris. Among the isolated were 20,000 foreign tourists.

A new avalanche of snow and rock today blocked the highway through the Brenner Pass—last open road route between Italy and either Switzerland or Austria.

Road workers and Italian Alpine troops were digging into the tons of rock and drifts of snow there and at other passes along the Alpine frontier.

One track of the Brenner Pass railway lines remained open.

Throughout the day of thaw, new landslides were reported throughout northern Italy. Several more people were injured but there were no further reports of deaths. — Associated Press.

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Terror In  
Papua**

Port Moresby, Jan. 22.

Terrified natives were fleeing tonight from belching lava and clouds of gas-charged ashes which have claimed 22 lives since Mount Lamington volcano erupted five days ago with an explosion "like an atom bomb."

An urgent message for blood serum was answered today by the Brisbane branch of the Red Cross and the first lot will leave Brisbane by plane tonight.

Early today pilots flew over the Lamington area and reported hundreds of people crawling from the vicinity on their hands and knees.

They were bewildered by the "night in daytime" atmosphere created by a huge ash cloud and were exhausted or keeping close to the ground to escape dangerous gases.

One Australian pilot reported that the ash cloud covered 100 square miles and reached upward for 40,000 feet.

A pilot who saw the final burst from the crater said, "I have never seen anything travel so quickly. In five minutes the mushroom-shaped monster had risen to 15,000 metres. It had a base and diameter similar to newsreel pictures of the atom bomb blast. Although I dived away at 350 kilometres an hour it seemed to be catching up with us."

The pilot added that within an hour two towns 48 miles away were completely obscured and in midnight darkness. — Reuter.

**Meeting Of  
Empire's  
Bank Chiefs**

London, Jan. 22.

Governors of various reserve banks in the British Commonwealth will, it was learned today, meet in Sydney shortly for a conference—one of the very few conferences in the history of leading central banks of the Sterling area.

G. E. Cobbold, Governor of the Bank of England, left by plane today for Sydney where he will visit the Reserve Bank of Australia and subsequently the Reserve Bank of New Zealand.

After attending the conference of his fellow Governors in the Commonwealth he will return via the United States.

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**Note Likely To  
Be Ignored**

Paris, Jan. 22.  
Informed quarters said today that France probably will not answer the latest Soviet note accusing France, Britain and the United States of "creating a serious threat to peace." A Foreign Office spokesman said the latest Soviet protest "note merely repeated the same old argument we already have refuted time and time again." — United Press.

**Charge Of  
Aerial  
Espionage**

Prague, Jan. 22.

The Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry today accused American aircraft of "intentionally violating Czechoslovak air territory to carry on espionage and to support subversive elements."

The note said that there could be no question that the alleged violations were accidents.

The note said that United States military aircraft had violated Czechoslovak air territory 68 times between October, 1950, and January 15, 1951.

This great number excluded the possibility of mistakes, the note added. — Reuter.

**Menzies Ordered  
To Rest**

London, Jan. 22.

Mr. Robert G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, is to take a complete rest for some days before returning to Australia from London.

He is doing this on the advice of his doctor after a severe attack of influenza. Mr. Menzies has been in London at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference. — Reuter.

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MARK STEVENS**Kashmir To Come  
Up This Month**

London, Jan. 22.

Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, the Pakistan Foreign Minister, who arrived in London by air from Karachi tonight on his way to New York, expects the United Nations Security Council to take up the problem of Kashmir by the end of this month.

He is going to Lake Success to lead the Pakistan delegation to the forthcoming Security Council discussions on Kashmir.

Asked about Pakistan's attitude towards the latest American resolution on China and Korea, Sir Mohammed said:

"We have been studying the situation very intensively."

He added that he had discussed this with the Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan. The Pakistan Foreign Minister said that Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan was awaiting his observations on this question from Lake Success.

The matter would then be put before the Pakistan Cabinet for its final decision on its attitude towards the United States resolution, now being discussed at the United Nations.

Sir Mohammed said that it was not a question of a verbal or theoretical acceptance of a conception. It was, however, a question of what would really help to resolve the situation with regard to Korea and China.

He said that one knew the dangers of either course, and the objective was to save the world from a great catastrophe, the dimensions of which could not be estimated.

"We will have to consider the matter very carefully, indeed," he added.

Sir Mohammed is expected to call on Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, at the Foreign Office here tomorrow before leaving for Lake Success. — Reuter.

**Rhodesian  
Africans'  
Request**

Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia, Jan. 22.

The Northern Rhodesia African Congress—the biggest and most influential African political organisation in Northern Rhodesia—has asked the Government to ban the immigration of Afrikaans-speaking South Africans into the territory.

The General Secretary of the Congress said that more and more white people were coming into Northern Rhodesia from South Africa.

"Most of these people believe in the idea of two races, black and white, going along separate roads," he added. That sort of thinking was injurious to everybody "and we want none of it."

The Congress said that Africans had no objection to British immigrants because they found that they believed that the two races could live together in harmony. — Reuter.

**Tougher Helmets  
For Police**

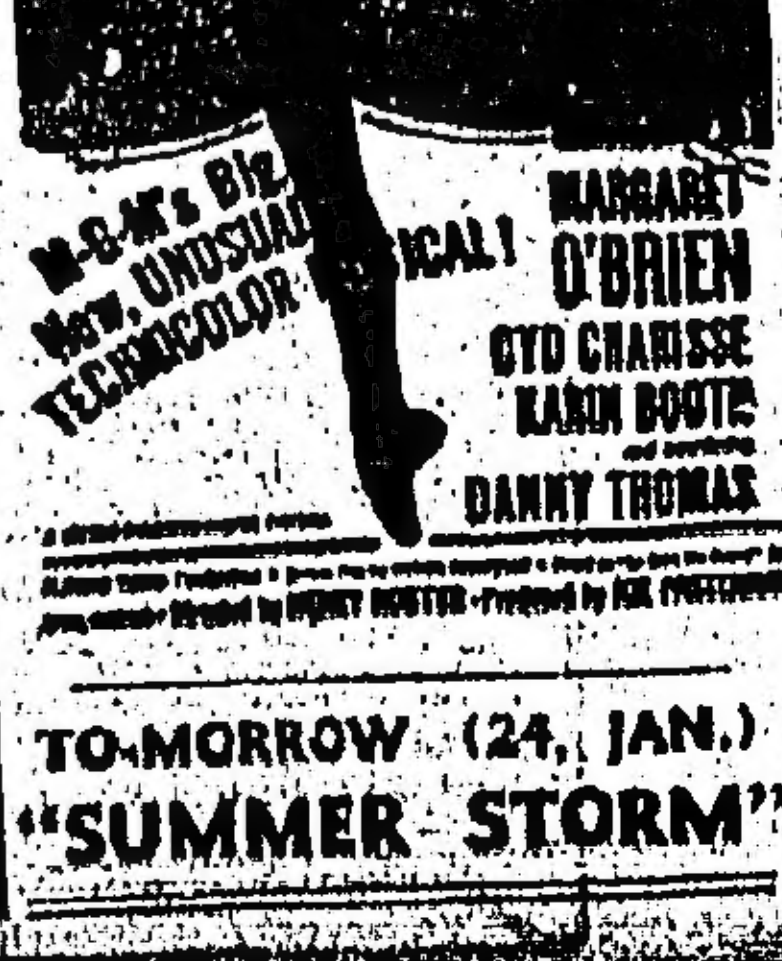
Tokyo, Jan. 22.

Helmets made of hard fibre will be issued to all Japanese policemen, the Japanese National Rural Police Headquarters announced today.

The decision was made as a result of the riot case in Nagano City, Central Japan last week in which a policeman was struck over the head and who later died of a brain haemorrhage.

The new police helmet will be light and strong enough to withstand stoning or whacking with sticks, the police authorities said. — Reuter.

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LX 8435/38 SYMPHONY No. 36 in C MAJOR "Linz" (Mozart)	Lon. Phil. Orchestra
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## Eisenhower Holds Talks In Germany

### Conversations With High Commissioners

Frankfurt, Jan. 22. General Dwight D. Eisenhower met the Western Allied High Commissioners at a two-hour informal talk today, opening up the third week of his inspection tour of the Atlantic Pact territories.

No official details were given of the talk, but it was understood that the Commissioners gave a fairly comprehensive account of the progress in the talks between the Allied and German experts in Bonn on raising a German force for the proposed European Army.

Tonight the Atlantic Pact Commanders were expected to have a private talk with the Western German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, at an Allied reception being given in his honour.

The reception, at the Bad Homburg residence of the United States High Commissioner, Mr. John J. McCloy, was being attended by more than 100 Allied and German guests, including former German Generals Adolf Heusinger and Hans Speidel, two of Dr. Adenauer's closest advisers.

The Allied High Commissioners were understood to have told General Eisenhower the latest position in the negotiations between the three occupying powers and Dr. Adenauer's Government on revising the occupation statute and removing more Allied controls so that West Germany can be more fully and quickly integrated into the Western community of nations.

"The political talks are at present stalemated, mainly over the question of German recognition of her prewar debt obligations.

Local Communists tonight scattered hundreds of small leaflets about Frankfurt's main shopping street. They read: "Eisenhower, get out—we want peace."—Reuter.

### Senator's Plan

Washington, Jan. 22. Republican Senator Hugh Butler of Nebraska told the Senate today that the United States should plan immediately to make full use of the Chinese and Japanese and Western German manpower. He also said the United States should try to stir up dissension among peoples behind the Iron Curtain.—United Press.

## COMMUNISTS' Slow To Follow Up Withdrawals By UN Forces

Tokyo, Jan. 22. General Matthew Ridgway, the Eighth Army Commander, today conferred with General Clark Ruffner, the Commander of the United States 2nd Division, on his tour of the central front and expressed optimism of the Korean situation.

He had landed at Wonju airstrip earlier in the day, where he conferred with troops' commanders. He also visited French troops.

The Eighth Army Headquarters lifted the ban on news to give the information about the United Nations forces' patrol advances today.

### Soekarno Visit To Manila

Manila, Jan. 22. President Soekarno and Madame Soekarno are coming here next Saturday on a week's official visit. It was announced today.

The announcement listed 24 people to accompany them. They will leave again for Djakarta, the Indonesian capital, on Feb. 3.—Reuter.

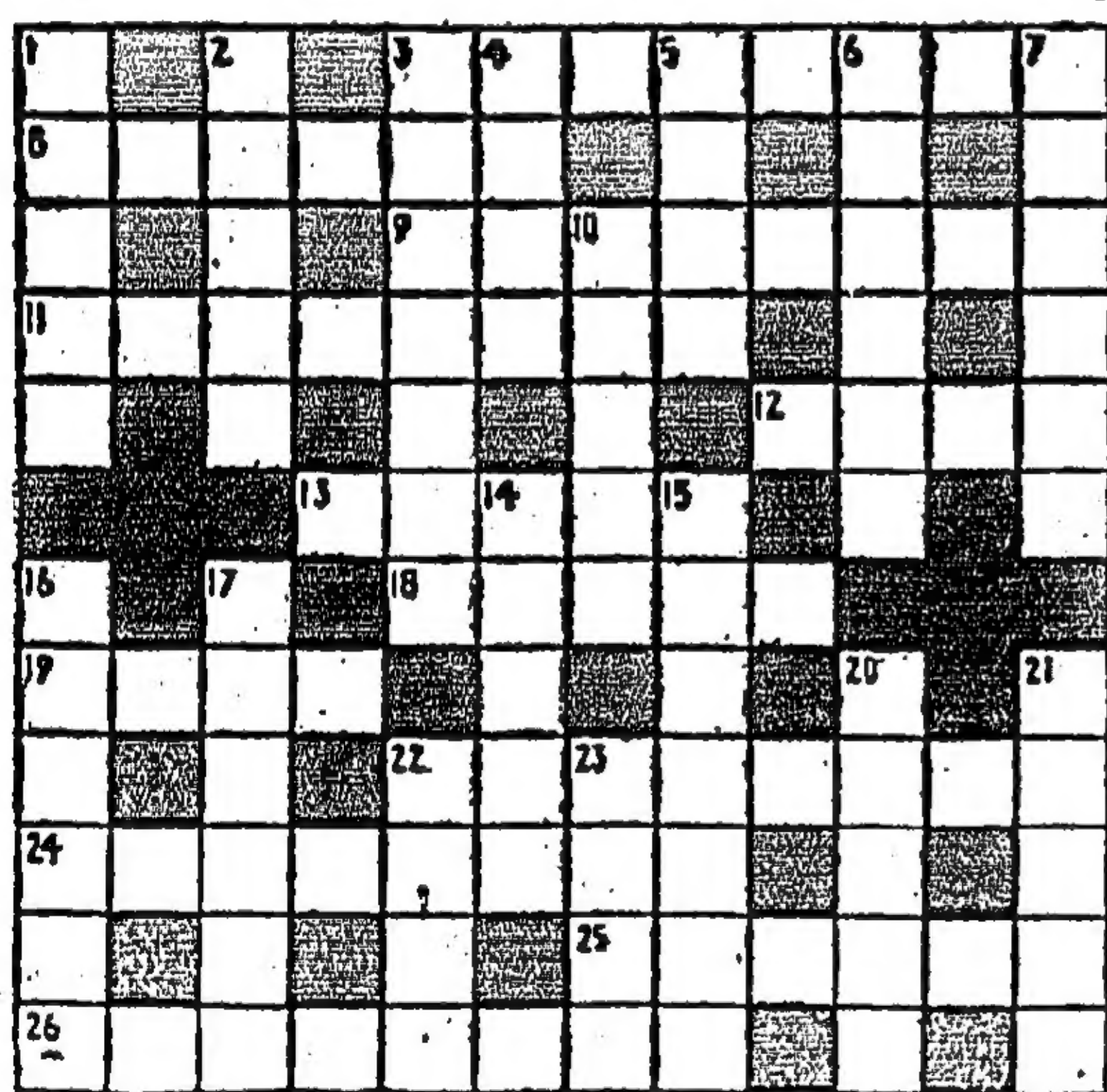
### U.S. POLICY NOT HELPFUL SAYS ALI KHAN

Karachi, Jan. 22. The Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, told a press conference today that the United States resolution to brand Peking an aggressor would "not help any further efforts to bring peace to this part of the world."

He said that, as yet, Pakistan had not decided its position on the resolution, but he added, "Before final action is taken, efforts should be made toward rapprochement."

Advised of the Indian Prime Minister's reported statement that India did not reject the Kashmir proposals at the Commonwealth conference, Mr. Ali Khan said, "If he didn't say no I should be very happy if he accepted it now."—United Press.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



#### ACROSS

- 3 Pulls down.
- 8 Enlightened.
- 9 Deliver.
- 11 Turned aside.
- 12 Throw violently.
- 13 Hectic state.
- 18 Localities.
- 19 Egress.
- 22 Hesitating.
- 24 Shopkeeper.
- 25 Aim high.
- 26 Strangle.

#### DOWN

- 1 Pop.
- 2 Serious.
- 3 Expands.
- 4 Revise.
- 5 Fastened.
- 6 Not transparent.
- 7 Bombards.
- 10 Cap.
- 14 Essential.
- 15 Opposite.
- 16 Sorrow.
- 17 Season.
- 20 Striking.
- 21 Tally.
- 22 Droop.
- 23 Meat.

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.** — Across: 3 Ventures, 7 Tease, 8 Saucepan, 10 Erects, 13 Perhaps, 15 Bale, 17 Ecce, 19 Retreat, 20 Away, 21 Tempers, 22 Casino, 27 Outright, 28 Clean, 29 Thorough. Down: 1 Steep, 2 Wager, 3 Vesta, 4 Tick, 5 Repeat, 6 Sonnet, 9 Aspect, 11 Renow, 12 Chary, 14 Speech, 15 Bumps, 16 Learn, 18 Ragout, 19 Tail-top, 22 Match, 23 Elder, 24 Sound, 25 Silo.

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### Crashes On The Beach

Three children were killed when a Royal Australian Air Force Wirraway plane crashed on Maroochydore Beach, 70 miles north of Brisbane, amongst a thousand holiday-makers on the beach. Twelve other people were injured. The pilot was seriously injured and the co-pilot hurt. The plane, the wreckage of which is seen above, was on shark patrol.

— AP Picture.

### FORMOSA STATEMENT CLARIFIED

Washington, Jan. 22. State Department spokesman Michael McDermott said at his daily news conference that there was nothing new in the statement made on Sunday by United States Ambassador to the United Nations Ernest Gross on America's Far Eastern policy.

In a statement Mr. Gross said United States security requirements would be taken into account in determining Washington's policy towards the Chinese Nationalist-held island of Formosa.

Mr. McDermott's statement said: "Ambassador Gross' statement was simply a summary of parts of a speech by the Ambassador before the National Junior Chamber of Commerce in Roanoke, Virginia, on Saturday. It contained nothing new concerning United States policy, nor was it intended to. I understand Ambassador Gross this morning has made a brief statement to that effect."

(At Lake Success a statement issued by the American delegation headquarters said: "It is a cause of surprise that the recent statement by Ambassador Gross would be regarded as indicating any change in United States policy."—United Press.

### Stassen Takes A Look Ahead

Philadelphia, Jan. 22. Mr. Harold Stassen said tonight that he believed the United States faced years or even decades of struggle with Russia but not a third world war.

He called for a long-range foreign policy to win victory for "civilisation and freedom" without another global conflict. There was much trouble and unrest inside the Red Army and the Iron Curtain, Mr. Stassen said, and he added: "In my judgment, this trouble would burst forth in genuine counter-revolution if an aggressive world war were initiated by the Communist rulers."—United Press.

### Burma Short Of Newsprint

Rangoon, Jan. 22. Editors of Burmese newspapers now very short of newsprint—decided here today to ask their Government for dollars from the American Economic Co-operation Administration to enable them to import supplies from Canada.

Burma depends entirely on foreign supplies to meet her requirements of 3,000 tons of newsprint a year.—Reuter.

### Arms For Iran

Teheran, Jan. 22. An American cargo ship carrying anti-aircraft guns, and other war materials for Iran under the United States military aid programme was reported today to have arrived at the port of Bandar Shapur.—United Press.

### Compromise Out Of The Question

#### American Position In Korea Crisis

New York, Jan. 22. The Herald Tribune said today that if the United Nations fails to declare Communist China aggressors against Korea, "public opinion will not long sustain an organisation which regards so technically the sacrifice of young lives."

In an editorial the paper surveyed the various objections to the American "aggression" resolution—the Indian argument that China was motivated by fear for her own security, in particular.

The paper said: "What these arguments fail to consider is the position of America." It noted that the United States went to Korea at the behest of the United Nations and bore the overwhelming burden of battle, including the Chinese attack, despite assurances that China's interests would be respected.

It said: "Yet if the United Nations are to continue their refusal to name China an aggressor, what are our people to conclude? ... There could be only one conclusion: The battle, in the eyes of the United Nations, is utterly meaningless. Even worse is the inference if the Chinese are not held the aggressor that somehow the United States is. There is room for difference of opinion and compromise among ourselves and with the nations of the world on how China should be dealt with in future. ... On this one matter of seeing the record straight and of calling aggression, there can, however, be no compromise."—United Press.

### French Supreme Commander

Paris, Jan. 22. General Alphonse Juin, the Commander-in-Chief of the French Forces in North Africa, will be appointed to head all French ground, air and naval forces in the very near future, a spokesman of the French Prime Minister's Office stated today.

General Juin, who is also Resident-General of Morocco, is 62. His official title will be Inspector-General of the Armed Forces. He will also be Chairman of the Committee of Chiefs of Staff of the three Service branches.—Reuter.

### Motor Rally's Rigours

Paris, Jan. 22. Some competitors in the Mediterranean - to - the Cape motor rally have covered well over a third of the distance, with the rigours of the Sahara behind them.

Antoine Choucha, of Egypt, in a Willys Overland machine, Mario Veglia, of Italy, in a jeep, and Roberto Barriago, of Italy, in a Lancia, left Port Archambault yesterday. They lead the rest of the competitors in the race, already in its 20th day.—Reuter.

### Parliament Back

London, Jan. 22. Parliament will re-assemble tomorrow and devote its first week to discussing fish, town planning and the Festival of Britain.—Reuter.

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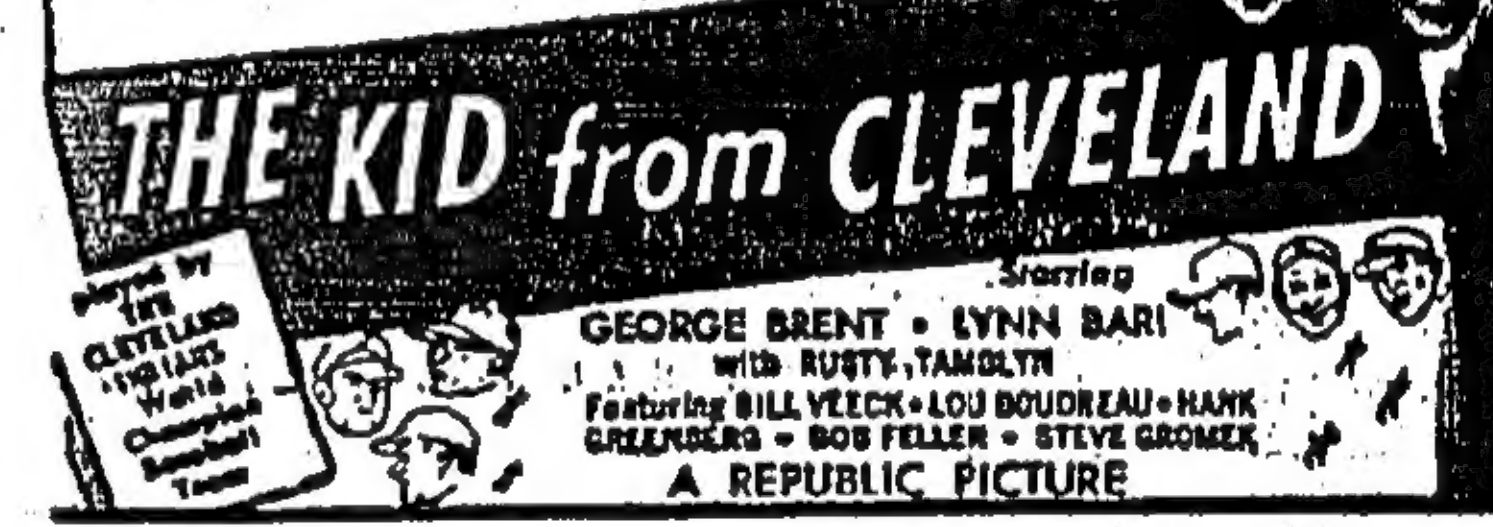
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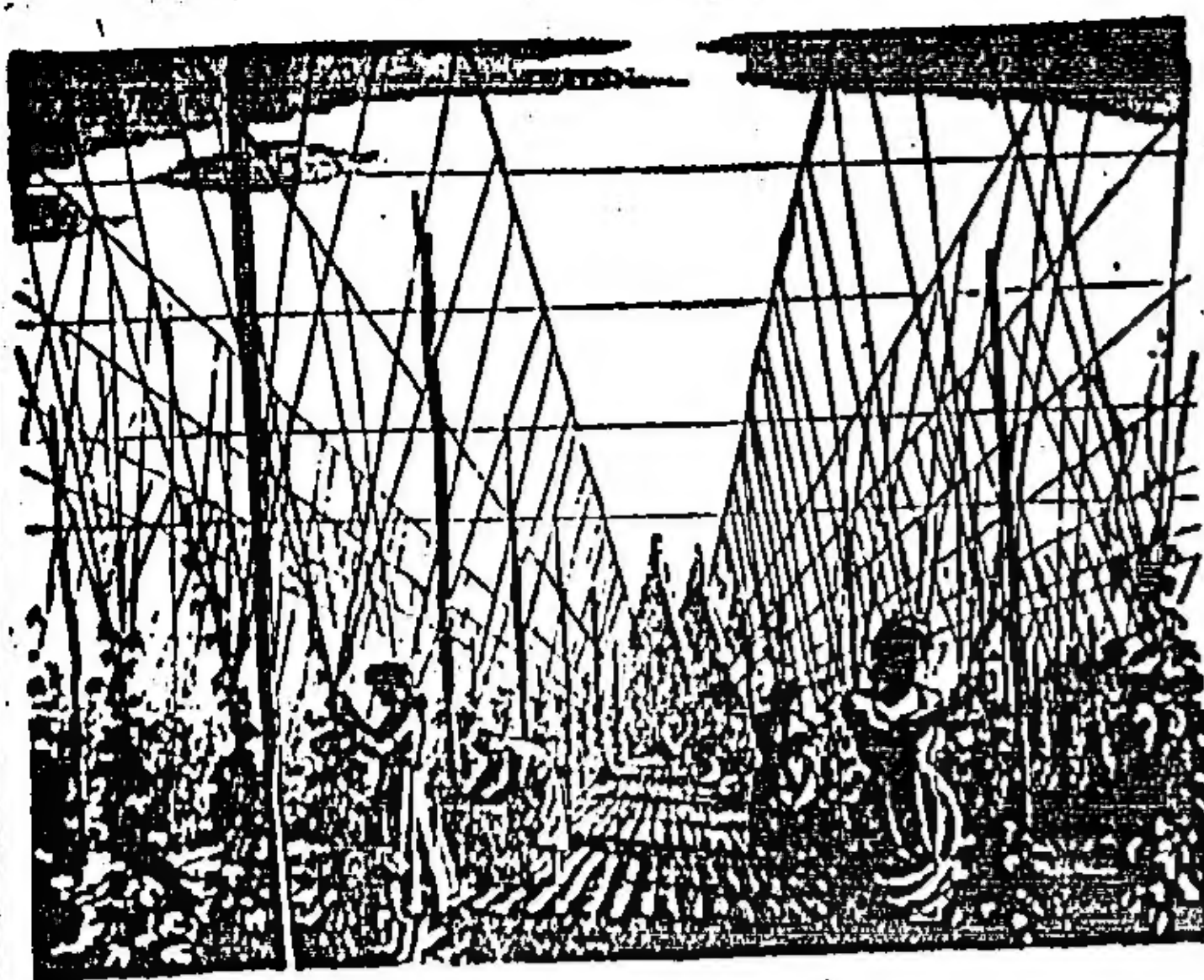
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# WITH THE ROYAL HUSSARS ON THE MALAYAN MILK RUN

By Colin D. Edwards



IN THE WHITBREAD Hop Gardens at Paddock Wood in Kent, deft hands train the hop bines so that from the warmth and moisture of good weather both growth and quality are gained. With good hops and good malt there goes into every Whitbread brew something of a prized tradition—which is so surely reflected in the taste.



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AROUND ten o'clock in the morning, I set off with a troop of the 13/18th Royal Hussars, who were escorting a convoy of food lorries to a village on the East Coast about 60 miles away. There are two of these scheduled 'milk runs,' as the troops call them, every week.

The convoy system and other measures to control the movement of foodstuffs have already proved very effective in denying supplies to the bandits. This is borne out by statements from the surrendered bandits and by the fact that the terrorists have stepped up the number of their attacks that have the sole aim of securing food. It has also been discovered that they are doing their best to stockpile all the food they can lay their hands on.

The task of the road escort troops of the 13/18th Hussars is to protect lorries, buses and motor cars, and the people that ride in them, from bandit attack, and also to prevent the terrorists from seizing foodstuffs and other supplies. This not only involves keeping a look-out for bandits but also keeping an eye on the food trucks. It is suspected that many food carriers have in the past been in the habit of dropping off bags of rice and baskets of fish by the roadside for the bandits to pick up.

## Just In Case!

IN charge of the escort troop was Sergeant Felix Willis of Wolverhampton. He assigned me to one of the middle of the convoy and arranged for me to have a Sten gun and six magazines of ammunition—just in case. He intimated that we could expect an ambush today. The bandits undoubtedly know the departure times of the scheduled convoys and they have staged attacks on this particular stretch of road twice during the last two weeks.

When we picked up the civilian vehicles in the town's main street, the sergeant muttered: "I bet something happens today. There are only four trucks and a car. The town's people usually know if the bandits are planning anything. When they are, you find very few lorries turning up. The lorry drivers wait for the non-scheduled runs, even if it means them waiting half a day for the military to put in an appearance."

The convoy formed up with an armoured car at either end and personnel carriers, packed with troops, were spaced out at intervals between the civilian vehicles. The sergeant had a word with the officer in charge of the police in that district—a Malay—and checked on police activities along the route. In his briefing, Sgt Willis had already warned the troops not to be too trigger-happy, as there were some Gurkhas operating in that area and they might appear on the road.

## Order To Load

THE Commander of our personnel carrier turned and ordered us to load our guns. He was Corporal Michael Tazkunowski, one of six ex-Polish Army soldiers serving with the 13/18. In 1939, his home city of Vilna was 'liberated' by the Russians and he was sent to the frozen wastes of North Karelia, the exact locale, it transpired, where I had spent part of World War II. Later he was liberated by the Finnish Army and managed to work his way down to France, where he crossed over to the American lines during the invasion of the South. Then he joined General Anders' Army in Italy and, after its disbanding, was taken into the British Army.

Standing beside Tazkunowski up in the front of our carrier was a stalwart National Service soldier from West Ham, London—Trooper James Thomas. He was manning a Bren light machine-gun, mounted on the shield above the driver's seat. Usually the Bren gunner is stationed in back of the carrier. However, on the last occasion that they were ambushed, there

was too much in the Bren gun's field of fire for his comfort. Now, when he has carriers under his command, he makes sure that their Brens are stationed up front, pointing forward.

The convoy started off and soon picked up speed. Looking back I could see a private American car driven by a Malay, followed by a truck carrying crates of food. Sitting on top of these boxes, which swayed dangerously at every corner we came to, was a young Chinese with a handkerchief wrapped pirate-fashion around his head. Behind them loomed the menacing gun turret of the rear armoured car, with Sergeant Willis' black beret peeping out of the top.

## Red Cloud

THE leading vehicles began to kick up the red dust on the road into a cloud, which grew as the rest of our cavalcade reached it. It soon appeared as if we were going through a minor sandstorm in the Western Desert.

For quite a part of the way, we were in fairly open country and everyone was relaxed. It was an awfully hot day. On either side of the road were square flooded ricefields; here and there stood small thatched huts on spindly stilts above the water. Then we drove into rubber country, past the neat avenues of light-barked trees. After that—into the open again. Suddenly, I noticed with surprise a bright patch of violet, beside the roadway. For miles around, the forest had been cleared, whether by cutting or burning it was difficult to say. All that remained of most of the giant timbers were charred stumps, but there were many gaunt pieces of trunk still standing, quite bare and lifeless, like grotesque wooden fingers. I was reminded of the petrified forest in Arizona. Then we ran into rubber once more, and what is called secondary jungle.

## Bottled Beer

AFTER about 30 minutes' travel from town, we reached a village and stopped. Some of the food vehicles were dropping out and the convoy needed reorganising. Before we left again, a brewer's truck opened up an crate of bottled beer for the troops, most of whom had spread out in defensive attitudes around our 'caravan' as soon as we halted. The private car containing the Malays had difficulty starting up again, and those of us in the rear part of the convoy had to get out and give it a push. Even this did not get it going, so a tow-line to our carrier and we hauled it along. We dropped the Malay in his big American car outside a

small thatched-roof hut and then raced forward to catch up with the others. Now we were heading into thick jungle. The lorries in front of us seemed to be disappearing into a small hole in a high green wall.

Corporal Tazkunowski turned and said: "Just about here was the last ambush; a three-ton truck." I looked out and saw the wreck of a lorry in a ditch. It was all burnt up.

Tazkunowski said: "Now, keep your eyes open." He was scanning the road ahead and the high, thickly-jungled banks on either side. Trooper Thomas hunched forward over his Bren gun, his sights sweeping the tops of the cutting through which the first vehicles were passing.

Everyone felt quiet. Our eyes were on the banksides and our fingers on the triggers of our guns. Apart from the noisy roar of the engine, I could only hear the voice of the radio-operator, Trooper Sidney Spence of Middlesbrough, as he occasionally broke the silence to talk on the R/T to the leading armoured car or to Sergeant Willis coming up behind us.

The road narrowed, so that we were brushing against the leaves of overhanging boughs. Without turning around, Tazkunowski called out, "Speed up."

## Jungle Crawl

OUR driver, L/Cpl. Bernard Masters of Worcester, put his foot down hard, but a minute or so later we were going uphill and he had to change gear. Our speed was now maddeningly slow, or so it seemed. Within a foot or so of our faces was the jungle.

Each of us was occupied with watching his own side of the road. We were depending completely on the persons behind us to protect our backs, and they—in turn—relied on us to guard them from our side. Above our heads the long wireless antenna bent back with every low branch and then snapped forward with a quiet swish.

Minute after minute passed and we were still riding through a gauntlet of threatening jungle. Our eyes strained to watch for any movement that might indicate a hidden enemy. Every bluff we passed under... every bush... took on a suspicious potentiality as an ambush point. Nowhere along this stretch of road did we feel safe enough to relax.

Ten... twenty... twenty-five minutes went by. We were racing at the fastest speed the convoy could maintain. Having risen in the sky, the sun shone directly down, burning our faces and arms. I was surprised to find that the barrel of my Sten gun had not grown hot. But it was getting to feel heavy and the ache of the butt in my

right shoulder was beginning to seem permanent. I rested the barrel on the edge of the carrier and crouched lower to keep its aim on the high ground that persisted alongside the road.

We ran into clearer country and into some more dust before we arrived at the second village. As soon as Tazkunowski barked "Dismount," the men went over the side and spread out around the convoy, leaving the commander, the signaller, the driver and myself in the carrier.

## Ambush Danger

WHILE some of the civilian vehicles were detaching themselves, Sergeant Willis took me along to the village police station to talk to the European police sergeant in charge of it. Unfortunately, he was out somewhere with a jungle squad.

Sgt. Willis ordered the troop to 're-mount' and everyone climbed aboard. As they did, I noticed that three of the Army vehicles had names painted on them to commemorate some of the places where Tazkunowski had served when he was in the Polish Army—"Bologna," "Benevento" and "Brindisi."

We drove out of the village watched by a crowd of the inhabitants—some Malays, a few Indians and a large number of Chinese. I felt to wondering how many of them might be working for the Min Yuen—the bandits' underground organisation.

My thoughts soon returned to the more immediate danger of ambush. We were heading into jungle again and the watchword was 'Alertness.' That can be an awfully tiring rule, even when there is something to keep alert about. Your back gets stiff, the sun makes it hot and you feel the sweat trickling down your body. You want to stretch out your arms and walk around a bit, or at least stand up. But that may just the moment an ambush will occur. Your weapons must be ready to answer back at the first signs of an attack. Perhaps the fact that you appear alert with your arms at the ready will dissuade the bandits from opening fire and the convoy will go through unscathed. The terrorists do not relish well-defended targets as a rule. However, they are getting short of food, so they might well take the risk.

## Keyed For Action

SO we went on for about an hour more, consciously—al most nervously—alert and keyed for action every passing second. The road was winding, often rough and sometimes narrow. To keep up speed, so necessary if one hopes to ride through an ambush, our driver, Corporal Masters, had to hang on to his wheel as grimly

as we grasped our guns. The carrier is a heavy truck to hold to the road and this trip was a trial of driving skill and endurance.

At last we reached our destination, a small village. The escorting vehicles 'peeled off,' so to speak, from the rest of the convoy and made their way to the headquarters of a detached troop of the 13/18th Hussars.

The troop, the equivalent of a platoon of infantry, were housed in a large wooden bungalow that had once been the residence of Public Works Department employees. Although it was built of stout timber and had a tile roof, it was amazingly cool inside.

It was only a short distance from the edge of a rubber estate. Coming through the trees one evening about three months ago, a gang of bandits had opened fire on the NAAFI, where an advance party of the Hussars under Sergeant John Ceeli Thomas of Aberystwyth were having a sing-song. Luckily, all the bullets went into the roof and the bandits fled as soon as the troops turned out. They made their escape through swampland. Now there are armoured cars drawn up every night around the camp perimeter to reinforce the sentry posts.

## Fenced In

AS one would expect in an armoured unit, there was a large number of vehicles of various types around the camp. On some of the radiators were painted names like 'Bremen,' 'Berlin' and 'Brunswick,' all former stations of the 13/18th. Sgt. Thomas pointed out a ten-hundredweight, open truck which the 13/18th call a 'peep.' On this particular 'peep' the windshield was missing. It had been caught in an ambush and the man sitting next to the driver had been killed.

The officer in charge of the outpost, 2nd Lt. John Mangles, from Colchester, entertained me to lunch in his office-cum-billet. Hanging on the whitewashed wall beside some of his family photographs was his revolver-and-holster and an English sporting gun. He hopes to 'bag' some wild pig with this but, in case he does not, his troops have purchased three piglets out of the canteen profits and are rearing them in an improvised pig-sty behind their camp.

I had a few hours to spare after lunch before Sgt. Willis' troop were due to start back. Lt. Mangles offered to take me through the village. Because of the threat of bandit attack, it had been entirely fenced in with wire, and smallholders farming about Tazkunowski's carrier had been moved into the village to prevent their foodstocks passing to the hands of the terrorists. The farmers, most of them Chinese immigrants, go out to work their paddyfields and vegetable gardens during the day but return to the safety of the village by nightfall.

This area has been the scene of much bandit activity for the last two and a half years. Until recently the bandits were able, through their terrorism, to intimidate the population into supplying them with food, clothing, money and, occasionally, to make this trip too often.

shelter. Then, in June last, when the Briggs Plan was put into operation, the civil administration in the district was strengthened, the police were reinforced and regulations were introduced to cut off the bandits' local sources of supply. All food being brought up by road or sent to markets in other parts of Johore now has to travel in convoy escorted by Army or police vehicles. The grocers in the village, many of whom are suspected of having given food to the bandits, are not allowed to open their shops except between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m., when the police can keep an eye on them.

## A 'Bad' Road

SECOND Lieutenant Mangles then took me for a ride part of the way down another 'bad' road, which ran directly south. It has seen three ambushes in three weeks, one of them fatal. The job of patrolling it and providing an escort for the food convoys along it fell to a troop of the 13/18th Hussars commanded by a 21-year-old National Service subaltern, of Harrow Weald, Middlesex, George Scott, who will soon be returning to civilian life to read Law at Cambridge.

Scott's troop was just leaving with a large convoy. With him went a young Chinese civil liaison officer, dressed in civilian clothes. However, he was armed for self-protection. A hand grenade was hanging from his belt.

I stood beside Mangles in the front of a personnel carrier as we tagged on behind Scott's convoy. Leaning on my elbows I found myself nudging a row of five grenades, lying atop the cab and ready for immediate use. Nothing calamitous happened during our trip, as far as we went, except the turning around to get me back to the road junction where Sergeant Willis and a westbound convoy were waiting. When Mangles stopped our carrier, his troops dived out and disappeared into the thick undergrowth. A few moments later, I managed to detect them higher up the bank, all set to give us cover from any surprise attack. The armoured car swung around; we backed and turned, and on a sharp whistle from Mangles, his men came dashing back.

## Looked English

IT was a beautiful day to be riding ground in an open vehicle. On a sunlit road lay a single Chinese wooden saddle—symbol of Oriental superstition. The Chinese seem averse to picking up a shoe if they drop it on a road. They will usually leave it and get a new pair.

At the road junction, Sgt. Willis had lined up eight food lorries carrying fish from the east coast. It was now about 4.30 in the afternoon. I climbed aboard Tazkunowski's carrier and we set off back down the same road we had come up this morning.

Before we had reached our journey's end, dusk began to fall. As we sat there with our guns in the carrier, the sun's sinking rays lit up a mat of downy-topped reeds in a meadow that looked—for all the world—very English. It now possessed a glistening sheen, a silky wrapping for the old day. It was, I felt, some compensation for the dangers along the road but I still would not like to make this trip too often.

## INSIDE INFORMATION

By MERCURY

PREMIER Nehru is perturbed at new maps of the Chinese empire published in Peking and Moscow newspapers showing the claims of China in Burma and Assam.

The frontiers claimed would give China possession of mountain passes leading from Tibet and Sikkim into India.

Copies of the new maps are being rushed to London.

Several East European diplomats who have asked for asylum in Britain have been accepted.

They have given information on espionage in Britain that is likely to lead to deportations.

General Eisenhower has expressed interest in the lessons learned by the British Army during its 1940 Norway campaign.

Narvik will be a key point in Atlantic defence planning.

Plans for strengthening defence bases in Turkey and Egypt, discussed by the Commonwealth Premiers, will be forwarded to the Turkish and Egyptian Governments.

A series of secret conferences is taking place in Moscow for high Commonwealth agents from Western Europe.

Special funds for Communist parties which may have to 'go underground' are being placed in Swiss banks.

Brazil plans to build a dry dock capable of holding 35,000-ton warships, although her largest warship displaces only 10,000 tons.

France will bring 25,000 interned Nationalist Chinese troops if China invades Vietnam.

The Air Council is urging the British Government for a decision on defence and export priorities so that rearmament can be speeded up.

Now offers of chilled beef are being brought to London by Senior Dersel, head of the Argentine Meat Board.

Bulgaria has introduced the death penalty for illicit slaughter of livestock.

General Djilas, Yugoslav propaganda chief, will go to Britain on a mission for Marshal Tito.

Marshal Tito has sent legal observers to England to study British justice in practice.

A British brigadier and Special Air Service troops will train the Pakistan army in guerrilla warfare.

Mr Arthur Henderson will start an RAF recruiting drive soon. Volunteers are falling short of requirements.

The British National Coal Board is pressing the Ministry of Health for housing concessions in mining areas to help recruit labour.

## Sticky situation



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# Army Are Five Points Ahead In The League Championship Race

By "OBSERVER"

Army practically won the Men's Senior Hockey Championship on Sunday, when they defeated Club de Recreio by three goals to two in an evenly contested match.

With only four games to go, Army have won all their 10 matches so far. Both Recreio and Argonauts "A," their two closest rivals have each already lost twice and drawn once.

For Army Sunday's game was perhaps the hardest they have had in the season's League. Recreio with a reshuffled forward line held their own throughout the whole duration of play, and had as much of the exchanges as their opponents.

## UNFORTUNATE

It was rather unfortunate for them that the first goal which came after 10 minutes of up and down play should have been allowed. It came from a kick by Gardner during a scuffle in front of the goalmouth. "Spiky" Guterres, playing at Centre-forward infused a new life into the Recreio forward line, and was responsible for both of his side's goals. Army, however, had a better combing forward line, with the inside and the centre-forward receiving more centres from the wings than their opposite trio. They were always dangerous with the short corners and from one of these, Gardner drove in one of his unsavable shots.

Both the defences showed up well. On the Recreio side, Garcia at goal made some good saves, and Nery and Reed were the mainstay of the Recreio rear-guard. For Army, Fitzgibbon at centre-half, played one of his best games so far and Webb at left-back was cool and steady throughout.

## DOUBTFUL GOAL

After Army's doubtful goal, Recreio nearly equalised when a beautiful run by "Spiky" Guterres on the left-wing took him into the "D," but his pass across the goalmouth went a-bogging. It was not until five minutes before the end of the first half that Recreio equalised from a short corner. Stopping the hit, Guterres sent in a hard drive which was stopped by Fitzgibbon. Following Guterres first-time rebound into the net.

Immediately after this, Army again took the lead, after forcing a short corner. The hit

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# HANS JEPPESEN IN CHARLTON COLOURS



Charlton's new Swedish centre-forward, Hans Jeppesen, who was in Hongkong in November with the Djurgardens team of Stockholm, challenges the goalie for the ball while pirouetting for a shot in the match against Sheffield Wednesday.

# SIR ARTHUR MORSE'S XV TOO GOOD FORWARD FOR THE OPPOSITION

By "AXIOM"

The long awaited classic between the GOC in C's fifteen and Sir Arthur Morse's XV resulted in a win for the latter by 18 points to 6 in a somewhat disappointing game while the Civilians just managed to defeat the Services by 8 points to 5 in a much more even contest.

Sir Arthur's team laid the foundation of victory forward and all through one could not help but notice that Forsgate, leading the red pack, had much livelier support than his opposite number, Carrel.

Outside the scrum Goldschmidt carried on the good work, setting his three's in motion at every opportunity. On this display Nolan established himself as the best fly-half in the Colony, his distribution all through being first class and his handling well high perfect.

In receipt of such support, Layton, Clayden and McNabb proved too much of a handful for their opposites and delighted the crowd by their clever approach work and but for over anxiousness at crucial moments would have scored on several more occasions.

den surprisingly missed an easy penalty. Shortly after another Clayden penalty fell short but Sir Arthur's men were not to be denied and Bogg scrambled over from a loose ruck for the first score.

Thomas next converted with a long straight kick to put reds up six points. The GOC's XV, playing in striped jersey, now came away with several concerted attacks. Stewart and Slevin were unfortunate not to have scored, the latter being grassed on the line.

Forsgate, Francis and Morris relieved danger with a fierce rush and from the ensuing scrum McNabb cut through brilliantly to send Cresswell over the line.

Stripes were soon beaten back from the kick-off and J. Henderson, caught holding, gave Thomas another opportunity to boot three points over.

The reds' pack at this stage were featuring in some storming rushes in which, Handcock, Thomas, Francis and Carter were well to the fore and, following splendid backing up, Clayden sent Layton over for a brilliant try which Morris did not convert.

McNabb and Clayden continued to delight the spectators and the latter scored from a grand break in what proved to

be Sir Arthur's XV's final score. A spirited but far too belated rally netted the GOC's XV six points in the last five minutes of the game. The reds were in fine fettle all afternoon and played splendid rugby against a side which never seemed to settle.

Of the backs only Laws and Stewart played to normal standard; Innes has never been seen to worse advantage. Lt. Henderson, Carrel and Minto never gave up an unequal task while Moffat relinquished hooking honours to Bogg.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 25th Jan. to Thursday 1st Feb. 1951 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
KAN TONG PO,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 11th Jan., 1951.

## NOTICE

Subject to certain exceptions, all rates from Hong Kong to Base Ports will be increased by 15% as from 23rd January, 1951. The new rates will be embodied by Addendum in due course.

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J. D. ALEXANDER,  
Local Chairman.

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TOTALISATOR TRIAL RACE MEETING

Saturday, 3rd February, 1951

A Trial Race Meeting of four races will be held on the above date at 3.45 p.m. (First Saddling Bell 3.15 p.m.), when the Electric Totalisator will be in operation.

There will be no cash sweeps for this meeting.

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All members of the Society are requested to be present. Guests with Welsh association are welcome. Payment for Luncheon will be made direct to the hotel by individual members.

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## German Hat Fashion

This hat, displayed by Mecklenburg Millinery Salon of Berlin in a Dusseldorf Fashion Show is called "Musette." The dark straw net covering the hair and part of the face is trimmed with a wide encircling "blind" of horsehair.



## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Knarf and Hanid's Train Trip

—Willy Toad Was the Railroad Conductor—

By MAX TRELL

"ALL aboard!" Willy Toad was shouting at the top of his voice. "Train ready to leave! All aboard!"

Knarf and Hanid, who were coming down the hill where the house stood, heard Willy's voice from the edge of the Pine Tree Grove. They were surprised to hear what he was saying. "Is Willy a conductor or something?" Hanid asked.

"He must be pretending to be a conductor!" said Knarf. "There aren't any trains in the Pine Tree Grove."

Nevertheless they hurried down the hill to see what Willy was really doing. By this time they could hear Willy saying: "Tickets, please! Have your tickets ready! All aboard!"

When they reached the edge of the Pine Tree Grove they found Willy standing in front of a large cracked rock. That is, it was a rock about a foot high with a crooked crack running down the middle from top to bottom. It was rather a wide crack. If you were a bug, you could squeeze yourself through it.

#### Crack in Rock

A little group of beetles, ants and a snail were gathered around the crack in the rock. Willy, wearing a conductor's hat, was standing right by the crack, as though it were a door.

"Tickets, please," he said again. "Train leaving for the other side of the hill, also for the other side of the Pine Tree Grove, also for the other side of the pond! All aboard!"

Just then Willy noticed Knarf and Hanid. "Howdy, Knarf! Howdy, Hanid! Have you got your tickets? Train's about to leave!"

"What train, Willy?" asked Hanid.

"The Underground Express."

Neither Knarf nor Hanid said they had ever heard of such a train. "Where is it?" Knarf wanted to know.

"The station is right on the other side of the crack in the rock. I really shouldn't call it a crack in the rock," Willy corrected himself. "I should call it the gate."

Here the snail and one of the beetles both said in a loud voice: "Are you sure there's a train on the other side, Willy?" "Absolutely," said Willy. "Tickets, please!"

Knarf looked at Hanid, and Hanid looked at Knarf. They both nodded. Then Hanid said to



Willy called, "All aboard."

Willy: "All right, Willy—where do we buy our tickets for the train?"

"Right here," replied Willy. And quickly changing his conductor's hat for a ticket-seller's hat, he said: "How many tickets, please? And where to?"

"Two tickets to the other side of the hill," said Hanid. "How much are they?"

#### Took the Tickets

"Five blue-bottle flies," said Willy. "Pay me later when you catch them." Knarf and Hanid took the tickets. Then, after Willy had changed back to his conductor's hat, they gave him the tickets, he punched them and said: "Go right through!" So Knarf and Hanid, pulling themselves together, squeezed through the crack.

Sure enough, they found themselves in a sort of dim railroad station. There were a lot of other passengers waiting—more beetles and ants and snails—for the train to start. In fact, as Knarf and Hanid suddenly saw, these passengers were already sitting on (not in) the train.

The train turned out to be five or six earthworms, one right behind the other. "It's a worm train!" cried Hanid.

And that's what it was! Knarf and Hanid joined the others on the worm train. Soon, with a shrill whistle from the first, or locomotive worm, the train started crawling off, wriggling and swaying as it went. The whole trip was underground, deep, deep under.

When finally the train stopped at the next station, Knarf and Hanid got off. "This time they crept out from under a fallen log. And sure enough, there they were, on the other side of the hill!" Willy said. Knarf to Hanid, "was right the whole time! It's a wonderful train!"

"The Underground Worm Express!" said Knarf.

### Rupert's Autumn Primrose—31



Rupert is very excited at what he has heard. "That's what is happening," he cries. "No wonder Mary is so contrary! I saw that map only a few minutes ago! He ran straight towards the garden, then he seemed to realize, 'Yes, says the old. I've noticed before that this path leads to the garden.'"

## "Take It Off"

New York. Ever since Ruth Douglas can remember, she has had to watch her waistline.

If it hadn't measured an ample 37 inches, however, the chances are there never would have been an organization called "Fatties Anonymous."

The 31-year-old Mrs. Douglas, a native of Oak Park, Illinois, organized the "Fatties" during the war but said it just now seemed to be getting a good national foothold.

She figured perhaps her forthcoming book called "Take It Off" to be published in the spring, might help spread the organization's doctrine of reducing through co-operation.

Help One Another Mrs. Douglas explained: "Our purpose is to get plump people together, let them air their problems, check on their reducing progress, and let them encourage each other to slim down."

Mrs. Douglas, who once weighed 254 pounds, said diet was a part of the "Fatties" programme but only when recommended by a physician.

"What we actually try to do," she explained, "is find out why people are fat and then take from there. Once you've overcome the cause, the other is easy."

She said the organization's theories about why people are plump were backed by science.

"Only two out of every 100 fat people are that way because of glandular disturbance," she explained. "The other 98 are plump because they eat too much. But they eat too much because of emotional disturbances."

#### Vicious Circle

"Fat people are unhappy and they try to make up for it by eating," Mrs. Douglas said. "Eating makes them plumper and they get unhappy. Oh, it's a vicious circle."

The way to cure this, she thinks, is through adjustment of mental attitudes. Group action is the answer, said the organization president, who is working towards a degree in psychology from New York University.

Mrs. Douglas thinks "Fatties Anonymous" has much in common with "Alcoholics Anonymous." Members of both are victims of over-indulgence.

"Fatties are starch drunks," she added. "We reach for a sweet instead of a Scotch."

Mrs. Douglas has slimmed from that 254 pounds to 200 and still is dropping the pounds, simply by refusing second helpings. She's aiming for 150 pounds by spring. — United Press.

## Looking Lovely In Record Time

By HELEN FOLLETT

There comes a time, now and then, in the life of every young woman when she must look her best at short notice. You may have had a hurried day, things going wrong, small irritations arising. You gaze into the mirror with horror at your erstwhile presentable self looking all played out. Then you get a telephone call. Friends are passing through town. Won't you have dinner with them? Maybe have fun afterwards, going to the theatre or dancing. You had intended to go to bed early.

You have just so much time. Will you put a cold compress over your weary eyes and relax, or will you have a hot bath? Choose the bath that is restful at first, taking the ache out of your bones, and stimulating afterwards.

Cream your face when you're in the tub. Oil and moist air will bring colouring to wan cheeks. You will be amazed at the clear, transparent appearance of your skin. Dull eyes will come to life and sparkle. Know why? Because of the stimulation of sluggish circulation. Fatigue slows up the body processes. Your warm bath has caused the blood streams to pick up and march.

#### A Rub Down

A rub down with a coarse towel should follow, then a brisk friction with eau de Cologne, toilet water or a fragrant bath tonic to make you smell sweet all the evening long.

Remove the cream from your face, apply an astringent with pads of absorbent cotton, apply a foundation cosmetic as you won't have to be patching up a synthetic complexion during the social festivities. Follow the directions carefully. Many women never read directions on cosmetics, so do not get the full benefit of them.

Apply powder lightly, add more if necessary, then get a smooth even film by using the powder brush, a cute little item that should be included in every girl's beauty equipment. If you have to get ready for a hurry-up date, a bath is a fine pepper-upper. Cream face while in the tub and the moist air will bring colour to your cheeks.

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EILEEN ASCROFT picks—

## London's best-dressed women

THE best dressed women in the world have just been named for 1950 by the New York Institute of Fashion Designers. Without exception, they are wealthy women who spend a fortune on their clothes.

Apart from the Duchess of Windsor, who is internationally recognised as a leader of fashion, I could name several Londoners who, for elegance and taste, would make some of their American counterparts look like over-dressed Christmas trees.

The Duchess of Kent would be my first choice. Although a royal duchess, she is far from wealthy, but her appearance is elegant and perfect.

#### "UNDER-PLAYING"

Next comes Mrs. Margaret Sweeney, who underplays a beautiful effect instead of over-playing it. Whatever the occasion, you never see her wearing too much jewellery, too many colours or the wrong accessory. She believes in basically simple styles and good materials beautifully tailored. She has a positive genius for "mad" French hats.

On the British stage I would place Vivien Leigh as first lady of fashion. She manages to look glamorous without decking herself up to kill like the average English star.

In the teen-age group there is Petula Clark, who always appears well groomed, but never looks a year older than she really is.

Among the older women Mrs. Winston Churchill is noted for simplicity and dignity in her clothes.

#### "MY BEST DRESS"

"THE most beautiful dress I made in 1950" was described to me by two of London's top designers. Both, in a year of straight, slim lines, surprisingly featured enormously full skirts.

Norman Hartnell named the black velvet crinoline he made for Queen Elizabeth to wear at the Royal Film Performance. It



Ribbon will be an important fashion note in the Paris spring collections.

Advance renovation ideas show red moiré ribbon used to a one-shoulder ash effect, on a strapless white evening gown.

had to be simple and black because the court was in mourning for Sweden's King Gustav. Undecorated, the crinoline was made of 10 yards of 54-in. black velvet over large hooped petticoats.

Fifty yards of white chiffon made the décollete, full-skirted evening gown chosen by Peter Russell. It was for film star James Stewart's dark, attractive wife Gloria, was decorated with white full-blown roses down one side, and was created for a special party.

#### OTHER WOMEN'S LIVES

ONE of England's only two women KCs. 36-year-old brunette Rose Hellbron, combines an interesting legal career, which brings her about £5,000 a year, with domesticity as the wife of Liverpool surgeon Nathaniel Bursteln.

Efficient, attractive and cheerful, she brings the same clear intelligence to whatever job she has on hand, whether it is preparing dinner in her Liverpool kitchen; doing the family shopping in her five-seater Triumph, or appearing in court in her small, court wig and special feminine KC's gown cut more slim-fitting and less billowy than the masculine version.

Among her most notable recent cases was the defence of George Kelly at the Camoo cinema murder trial.

Chief recreations from court and domestic life are gardening and golf. Her husband complains that her advocate's training gives her a tendency "to argue a little too much over the finer points of the game."

Subjects nearest to her heart are women's welfare and the

## Historic Ghost Disappointed TV Fans

London. The ghost of Catherine Howard disappointed two million British television fans recently, and turned the British Broadcasting Corporation's "Haunted House" programme into a mere travelogue.

The shade of King Henry VIII's fifth wife who was beheaded in 1542 had been hopelessly booked, and three television cameras, an infra-red spotlight and transmitting gear involving more than 900 tubes were set up to command Hampton Court's "haunted gallery."

All the video fans got, however, was a view of the "perpetual atmosphere" of Britain's historic palaces. No living actors appeared either.

BBC announcer, Miss Audrey Russell, described the scene from off stage in a tense whisper as though she expected the ghost to appear at any moment and the cameras were operated in the same spirit.

Legend has it that Catherine walks through the gallery as she did in 1542 to plead with Henry not to have her beheaded.

## Attractive Lines

OBLIQUE lines dominate this flattering dress of plum coloured faille (below). The surplus line of the bodice continues down into the skirt, fastening with covered buttons. The balance of the seaming of the skirt subscribes to the same line, and is released in a fully flared bell from the knees, a most important silhouette this season.



Dress of plum faille.



Attractive daytime dress.

DESPITE all the excitement about colour, navy blue, that dependable old standby, is doing all right, especially in top-light collections. Navy blue-woolen is the material for this attractive daytime dress (above). The neckline, bound in black velvet, can be worn open or closed, as shown. A quartette of buttons at the bottom of the bodice matches those of the bodice closing. The panner pocket is also velvet-bound, and it accentuates the slender lines of the neat skirt.

## Your Sewing Scrapbook

by Mary Brooks Picken

### For Dancing—A Swish-swish Skirt in Your Two Favourite Colours

EVERY young woman who likes to dance enjoys a taffeta skirt—especially when it is of two of her favourite colours.

Though calico is a favourite for skirts for square dancing, taffeta is a close second—and for date-dancing, taffeta tops the list.

#### Two Skirt Lengths

Buy two skirt lengths (each measured from waistline to hem, plus 5") of two different colours of 50"-wide taffeta—for instance, one length of cerise red and one a bright navy.

Straighten fabric. For waistband tear a 2" strip from one selvage of each skirt length. Fold each skirt piece in half lengthwise, so selvage and lengthwise raw edge come together.

Lay with fold toward you. Measure as indicated in diagram.

Chalk line from A to B and cut on this line. This will give you three gores in each colour.

Pin skirt together, lengthwise edges of side gores to bias edges of front and back panels. This brings bias edges at sides.

Alternate colours so you have a red centre front and a blue centre back or vice versa. Stitch all seams.

Begin left side seam 7" down from top to provide pocket. Make zipper pocket, following instructions that come with skirt zipper.

#### Rows of Shirring

Gathering waistline with two rows of shirring. Adjust gathers to size of waistband.



For waistband, use 2" selvage strips, cutting strips to waist measure plus 2" for overlap.

Lay right sides of waistband together, and stitch along raw edges and across both ends. Turn right-side out and press.

Baste waistband to gathered skirt, placing right side of strip to wrong side of skirt. Stitch.

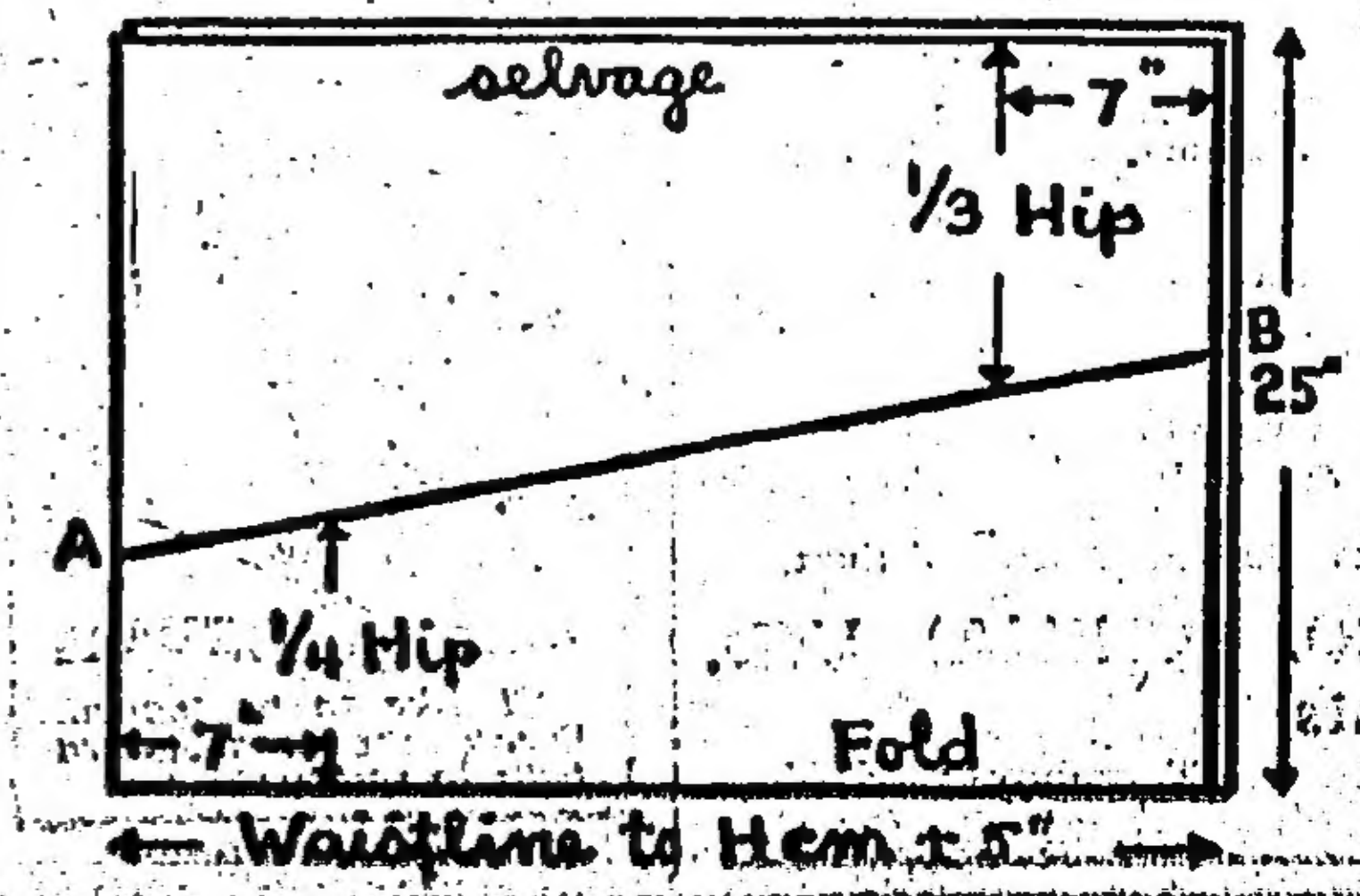
#### To Right Side

Bring second-selvage over to right side of skirt, turn it under and stitch, stitching all around edge of waistband for tailored finish.

Use a hook and eye or button band.

Put skirt on. Even bottom edge. Mark for hem. Remove skirt. Turn and slip-stitch hem.

This skirt would also be striking in a black-and-white combination, lovely in green and brown, or orange and brown—or nice if made in the school colours of your best beau.



## CASSEROLE SPECIALS

INGENUITY and imagination are two important aids to beating the kitchen budget. The run-of-the-meat cook sees a tin of soup as just that, but the clever cook sees it also as a wonderful and inexpensive ingredient to make a good, tasty even better, as well as being an inexpensive quick-cut and a good time-saver.

Pork is in good supply now, so it might be an idea to treat the family to an excellent pork chop casserole. To serve 6, dredge 6 pork chops with 3 tbsp. flour which has been mixed with 1/2 tsp. salt and a pinch of pepper. Brown dredged chops on both sides in a skillet in hot fat. Pour all except one tbsp. of fat out of the skillet; empty in one tin of condensed cream of mushroom soup, stirring well. Add 1 1/2 c. water; heat, and pour mixture over the chops. Cover and bake at 350 F. for 75 min.

Now for an especially tasty casserole with a pineapple top: Cut 1/2 c. chicken and 1/2 c. ham in 1/4-inch dice. Combine with 2 c. cooked rice, one tin condensed chicken gumbo soup, and 2 tbsp. chopped pineapple. Mix well and put in 6- or 8- individual casseroles. Place a pineapple ring on each, sprig on pineapple, sprinkle top with brown sugar, dot with butter and put in 2 cups. Bake at 375 F. for 20-25 min. or until pineapple is golden.





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"FUNGING"	21st Dec.	—
"MEMNON"	28th Dec.	—
"ASTYANAX"	4th Jan.	—
"TEUCER"	8th Jan.	—
"FELEUS"	13th Jan.	17th Jan.
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## SAILING

SHIP	TO	DATE
"BENRUACHAN"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Rotterdam	3rd Feb.
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"BENATOW"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg	31st Jan.
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## JOHNNY HAZARD

BY THE WAY  
by Beachcomber

AN article about birds questions whether the swan really sings before dying. Anyhow, it is an idea that has inspired poets and musicians.

In Sibyllus' "Swan of Tuonela," you can hear the rustling of the reeds as the bird glides majestically along, and you probably recall, as you listen, Yeats's:

When the swan must fix his eye  
Upon a fading gleam,  
Float out upon a long  
Last reach of glittering stream,  
And there sing his last song.

Or, for a different mood, there is Mr. Belloe's salute to a lady singing.

Swans sing before they die, Sing on, sing on.

Oh, how I wish that you had been a swan!

The trombone controversy

DEAR Sir,  
Our grandmothers were always fainting with horror at the idea of a married woman playing the trombone in public. That shows their hypocrisy. How many of them sneaked away to play it in private? It is beside the question for Mrs. Scudder to quote the case of a mother who practises at the breakfast table in a small house or flat. That is merely to bring the trombone into discredit. Equally beside the point is her story of the wife who plays the trombone in bed while her husband is trying to read. Such cases are exceptions.

I do all my practising in a potting shed. For those who have no potting shed, there are the Delamere Evening Classes for Women Trombonists. "Off you go," says my husband when I set out with my trombone, and

I can see how proud he is of me.

Trombone Wife.

Cross-Channel

wheelbarrow

AT 4.15 tomorrow morning Mrs. Hill, of Guernsey-avenue, Toft Park, will step into the water at Hythe, pushing a rubber wheelbarrow in front of her. This will be the first attempt to push a wheelbarrow from Hythe to Calais. "It would be like Britain to be the pioneer," said Mrs. Hill smilingly, "especially after losing the Test Matches." Her husband, who is a billiard-marker, nodded.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

If you are born today, you are one of those determined individuals. Once you get an idea into your head, nothing will change it. Unfortunately, it is not always a good idea. Just be a little more discriminating in your objectives and your determination can be the making of you. You are not one to be pushed, either. You can be persuaded gently by those you love or admire, but let anyone try to tell you that something "must be done"—and you'll be awake nights thinking up ways to get out of it.

You have a pleasing and magnetic personality that makes friends wherever you go. Fond of travel, it is likely that you will see a goodly portion of the earth during your lifetime. You have strong family ties, however, and you will want your own home and family group as soon as you leave your parents' roof. Your marriage should be a happy one, for you will put a great deal into making it an ideal one.

You have a keen sense of humour and can usually see the funny side to everything. Often, you are quite witty. Since you are fond of the theatre, you would probably do well on the screen or stage or in radio or television.

You have a gift for money-making and are naturally good at figures. You know how to strike a good bargain and have a multitude of ideas which can be developed into something remunerative.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A good day for love and romance. Make or receive a proposal.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Plan your recreation carefully. Haste can bring about an accident; so know where you are going before you start.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Concentrate on developing some new and important ideas successfully. Keep your eyes on the job.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Don't permit gossip to influence

your decisions. Get at the facts before you criticise.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Extend hospitality to your neighbours as well as to those who work with you. A housewarming?

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—A good day for bargain shopping, but see to it that you spend your money for essentials first.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Get to work early and do a good job. Then you may spend the evening relaxing and enjoying yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—New methods of work; an invention or an original idea may improve your status at the office.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If you can improve conditions at home or at the office, this is a fine day for it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Extend an invitation to an elderly friend or relative to visit you at home. Plan a dinner.

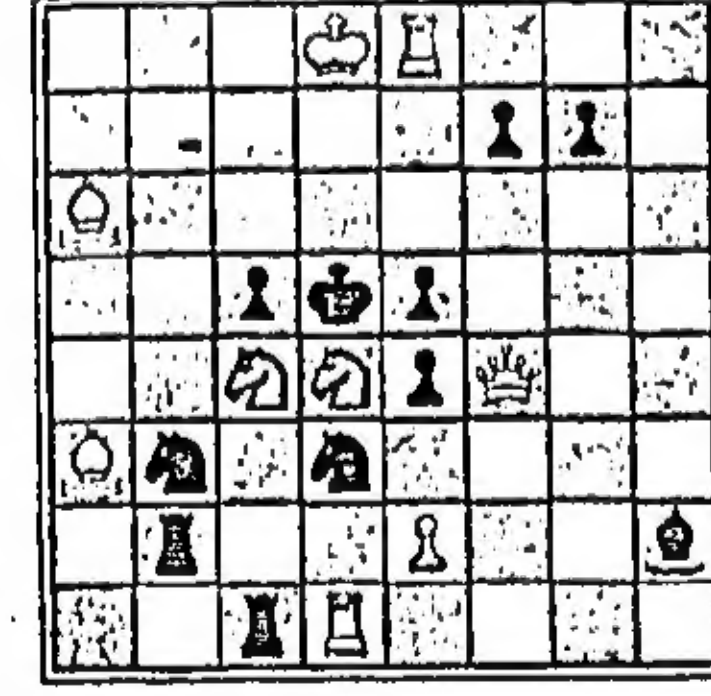
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A propitious day for love and romance. Anticipate happiness in your marriage, as well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be diplomatic if you are attempting to collect a debt. You can be successful.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By D. WELLE

Black, 11 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. B-K5. 1... K-B7; 2. B-K3 (ch); 1... K-K8; 2. R-R1 (ch); 1... P-B7; 2. B-R4.

## POCKET CARTOON



## Check Your Knowledge

1. What was the kingdom of Lilliput?
2. Where are the Midway Islands.
3. How many years are there in a millennium?
4. What are held in Rodin's "Hand of God"?
5. Name the most southern point of Asia.
6. Which village is reputed to be the wettest in England?

(Answers on Page 10)

## INTELLIGENCE TEST

By T. O. HARE

"LAST night," said Vitrol, the first time the author of Blind Hickey, Bob Lickierah, was of us altogether—all (though I say it), scribbled in the very first draft. Our table attracted quite a lot of attention. Further inquiry elicited a few more facts. The host (Mr. Lickierah) had between the author of Dinosaur's Egg and the author of Wit. He was a Southend Pierer had about on one side of him and a friend (Vivian) on the other. To the left of the author of Dinosaur's Egg sat Fashine, wearing his dodecahedral monocle. As for the author of Dinosaur's Egg, he had a blue and one side of him and the author of Dinosaur's Egg on the other. Who wrote Blind Hickey?

(Solution on Page 10)

By Frank Robbins



## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

This Slam Contract Can Be Made

By OSWALD JACOBY

"HOW do we stay out of this slam?" asks a Phoenix correspondent. "North thinks that South overbid when he jumped from three clubs to four hearts. North says that three no-trump was quite enough, and that even a cue-bid of three spades would warn North that there was duplication of values.

"South thinks his jump was not an overbid inasmuch as he had passed on the previous round. If his hand had been any stronger, he would have bid instead of passing.

"South goes so far as to say that the slam should have been bid even though it was not made. He thinks he had a good play for the slam, but was unlucky.

"West opened the king of spades, and South won with the ace. He then took the king and queen of diamonds, noting the bed break. He continued with the rest of the trumps, ending with the ace. His next step was to lead the jack of spades and discard a low club from dummy. East won and returned a spade to South's ten, dummy discarding other low club.

"Now all would have been well if the hearts had broken normally. But they didn't break, and down South went.

"Will you comment on the bidding and on the play?"

I agree with South in every detail but the way he played the hand. He was right to pass over

NORTH		21
♠	AQ763	
♥	KQJ4	
♦	A74	
♣		
EAST		10
♠	Q987542	
♥	J	
♦	10	
♣	KJ98	
SOUTH (D)		10
♠	AJ10	
♥	K54	
♦	A832	
♣	Q85	
N-S vul.		
South	West	North
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♠
4 ♠	Pass	5 ♠
Opening lead—♠K		

two spades, but then he was also right to jump to four hearts in order to show that he had not opened a real "mouse-trap." Moreover, if he could see his partner's hand he would want to get to six diamonds; and if that contract could not be made, it would be hard luck and not bad bidding.

However, I think that South should have made his contract. That is, a very expert South might have brought it home. It must be admitted that it is a difficult hand to play properly and that only a very fine player should be expected to make it.

Correct play is to win the first trick with the ace of spades and then cash the king and queen of diamonds, just as declarer actually did. But then, when the trumps fall to break, declarer must lead a low club from dummy. It's dollars to doughnuts that the king of clubs is with the spade overall, especially when that overall was on a queen-high suit.

EAST takes his club king and probably returns a club (as good as anything). So the king in his own hand and should now take out insurance against a bad break in hearts. Without drawing any more trumps, he should cash the king and ace of hearts. (If West could ruff, the hand would be hopeless anyway.) When the actual heart situation is thus revealed, he takes the queen of hearts and ruffs a heart with his low trump.

Now South can lay down the ace of diamond, enter dummy with the ace of clubs, draw the last trump with the jack of diamonds, and cash the last heart. Done! But it would not

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**Price Of Soap Raised**

Cincinnati, Jan. 22. The Proctor and Gamble Company announced an increase of approximately six per cent. in the wholesale price of its soap products. The increase became effective on Saturday.

The increase is the first by Proctor and Gamble this year but there were four price advances in 1950. —Associated Press.

# Wall Street Absorbs A Heavy Blow

**Sharp Drop In Many Stock Issues**  
 New York, Jan. 22. The stock market absorbed a heavy body blow in the final hour, but was still on its feet at the close.

**Oils dropped sharply.**  
 Aircrafts fell with them.

Steels joined the slide and so did chemicals and tyres.

The tape ran late for four minutes. When the flurry ended many issues moved up from their lows but the damage had been done and the market closed 1 to 3 dollars a share lower.

It was the second sharpest setback of the year and the heaviest since Jan. 10.

Turnover totalled 2,570,000 shares. In the last hour, however, when prices were at their worst, 900,000 shares were sold.

The steel industry had two distinct items of news. Early, the Government announced a further reduction in the amount of steel for civilian use. In the afternoon, the industry announced that its output this week will cross the 2,000,000-ton mark for the first time in its history.

Dow Jones averages at the end of the session stood as follows:—

50 Industrials ..... 244.33  
 20 rails ..... 83.30  
 15 utilities ..... 42.21  
 40 bonds ..... 103.1

—United Press.

**London Stock Exchange**

London, Jan. 22. The Stock Exchange marked time today against the reconvening of Parliament tomorrow.

Industrial stocks were selectively firmer along with leading mine and oil issues.

British Government bonds shed 1/16 to 1/8 of a point where changed.

The Financial Times' Index was 119.5—Associated Press.

**LONDON TIN MARKET**

London, Jan. 22. The tin market was fairly steady this morning. Turnover was 150 tons, including 50 tons for cash.

Prices closed today at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

Spot tin, buyers ..... 1235  
 Spot tin, sellers ..... 1240  
 Business done at ..... 1235-1240  
 Three-months tin, buyers ..... 1230  
 Three-months tin, sellers ..... 1235  
 Business done at ..... 1230-1235  
 Settlement ..... 1235

—United Press.

**Dollar Bonds Quiet**

New York, Jan. 22. The foreign dollar bond market was quiet today.—Associated Press.

**U.S. TREASURY POSITION**

Washington, Jan. 22. U.S. Treasury position on Jan. 18 compared with the corresponding figure a year ago.

Total Debt, \$23,950,000,000 and Gold Assets, \$22,468,000,000 and \$2,482,000,000.—Associated Press.

**Communist China's Favourable Trade Balance**

San Francisco, Jan. 22. In 10 months of trading from January to October, 1950, Communist China recorded a favourable export balance of 32.23 percent of total imports, Peking Radio reported tonight.

In both the export and import fields State trading establishments did more business than privately-operated organisations. The figures were:

Export—State trading bodies 64.35 percent; Private concerns 45.65 percent.

Import—State trading bodies 69.94 percent; Private concerns 30.06 percent.

China's chief exports were: soybeans, tung oil, hog bristles, peanuts, eggs, tea, mineral ores. Her chief imported goods were instalments and raw materials for industrial production, the Radio said.

It added that the old method of complicated Customs inspection had been simplified. Up to the end of 1950, according to preliminary statistics, tariff receipts were 144.7

percent of the year's estimated quota.

**CUSTOMS CHANGED**

The broadest claimant that there had also been great achievements in the prohibition of smuggling.

It further said, "There have been big reforms in the Customs houses throughout China by themselves and have put into force sovereign Customs rights."—Reuter.

# Rearmament Effect On British Exports

Mr Gaitskell, Chancellor of the Exchequer, referred to the impact of the defence programme on industry when he addressed members of the Institute of Export.

Mr Gaitskell said that in the last two months the volume of exports had risen to a level which was practically 80 percent above that of 1947, when the pre-war level had already been regained.

Great progress had been made since devaluation in building up what he believed would be long-term markets in North America, especially in Canada.

The proceeds of our exports were needed not only to pay for our imports but for the financing of investment abroad and the repayment of debt. These were important responsibilities towards overseas economic development, particularly in the undeveloped parts of the Commonwealth.

The impact of defence was bound to be specially concentrated initially on the engineering industry. This created a dilemma because this industry was the mainstay of our export trade and the source from which the rest of the industry derived its equipment for replacement or for new investment. Thus, additional defence orders were likely to conflict with exports or with home investment rather than with current consumption at home.

**INDUSTRIAL FUTURE**

They could not altogether prevent the burden of rearmament falling, so to speak, in the wrong place, but they could mitigate the possible damage to our exports and our industrial future by greater productivity in the field of engineering—the first condition to that being adequate supplies of raw materials—and by making good any diminution in our exports of machinery and equipment by increased exports of consumer goods. This, in turn, meant keeping down demand at home and diverting supplies from the home to the export market.

We were moving into a new economic situation. Inflationary pressure in the world was growing, prices were rising, and scarcity and shortages were beginning to appear. We had to rearm swiftly, but must not throw away our recovery nor sacrifice the economic independence that had been regained, nor must the foundation of our industrial progress be weakened by cutting down too far the supply of new equipment for industry. Our policy must be as far as we could to "pay as we go."

**COTTON TEXTILE MARKET**

New York, Jan. 22. The cotton textile market was firm today. Offerings were scarce, with only scattered lots of print-cloths and other constructions selling mostly for prompt delivery. Military orders continued to dominate the market, while price control fears caused mills to withhold offerings for forward delivery.

The wool goods market was steady. Rayon goods were firm.—Associated Press.

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**Exchange Rates In New York**

New York, Jan. 22. Closing foreign exchange:

Canada ..... 99.00  
 Britain ..... 97.07 nominal  
 Belgium ..... 1.99 1/2  
 France ..... 0.22 1/2  
 Holland ..... 0.16 1/2  
 Italy ..... 3.48  
 Portugal ..... 4.97  
 Sweden ..... 23.28  
 Switzerland ..... 7.23  
 Argentina ..... 5.50  
 Mexico ..... 11.57  
 Venezuela ..... 30.00  
 Hong Kong ..... 17.83

—Associated Press.

**NEW YORK BANK QUOTATIONS**

New York, Jan. 22. Closing bank quotations:

Bank of America ..... 3 1/2 asked  
 Chase National Bank ..... 3 1/2 3/4  
 National City Bank ..... 4 1/2 3/4

—Associated Press.

**New York Metals**

New York, Jan. 22. Prices in the metal market here closed unchanged today with the following exceptions:

Tin, Grade A (99.80 per cent or higher) New York, per lb. 175.50.—United Press.

**NEW YORK COPPER**

New York, Jan. 22. Copper futures closed unchanged.

April ..... 27.70  
 —Associated Press.

**Exchange Rates**

Business was done in the foreign exchange market at the following rates:

U.S. dollars (per £) ..... 6.55  
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# Black Pepper Futures

New York, Jan. 22. Black pepper futures closed 3 to 5 cents a pound lower, with no sales reported. A quiet situation prevailed in the spot market. Price control uncertainties and lower Indian cables took the edge off buying interest. Spot supplies moved in a limited way early in the day around \$1.75 a pound with other sellers holding 1 to 2 cents higher.

Afloat offerings ranged between 1.00 and 1.70 a pound. Resellers quoted January shipment around \$1.05, early February \$1.02 and March \$1.50 a pound on an ex-dock basis.

Prices closed today as follows: January ..... 1.75 nominal  
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 March ..... 1.65 asked  
 May ..... 1.60

—United Press.

**HONGKONG SHARE MARKET**

The volume of business transacted on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at 173,209. The half day's business and noon prices were as follows:—

**SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES**

HK Bank ..... 1200 35 @ 1200  
 HSBC ..... 610 633 100 @ 633  
 Union ..... 20 @ 620

**DOCKS, ETC.**

K. Wharf ..... 72 100 @ 72  
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Contract No. 6 closed today unchanged to a point lower, with sales totalling 24 contracts.

Prices closed today as follows:—

Contract No. 4 (world) January ..... 5.07 bid  
 May ..... 5.07 nominal  
 July ..... 5.07 bid  
 Spot ..... 5.08

Contract No. 5 5.44 bid  
 March ..... 5.47 traded  
 May ..... 5.49 bid  
 Spot ..... 5.50

—United Press.

**New York Rubber Steadier**

New York, Jan. 22. Rubber futures developed a steadier undertone. Sales on the Commodity Exchange Incorporated amounted to 2 contracts, and prices closed 350 to 400 points higher.

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